WDDOA – Pre-Qualified List Usage Guide

How to interpret the Pre-Qualified list and FAQ

Process:

- Finalization of Standings
  - Game cards are processed throughout the year: score, yellow and red cards, club pass players, forfeits.
  - After league play concludes, each bracket undergoes a thorough review to ensure accurate standings. The following steps are taken:
    - The status of "No Contest" game is changed to "Friendly" so the scores of those games are removed from the published standings.
    - Tied teams are identified and reviewed.
    - The forfeit log is examined, and any necessary point deductions are applied in accordance with the Rules of Competition.
    - WDDOA tie-breaker rules are applied to confirm that all teams are properly seeded.
    - If not seeded properly per WDDOA tie-breaker rules (this may happen when more than 2 teams are tied), labels are added to the standings with an updated final seed number.
- Promotion/Relegation
  - Standings are formatted outside the system and organized by gender, age group, and level of play with Flight 1 – Prime, Flight 2 – Challenger, Flight 3 – Alpha.
  - Top 2 and bottom 2 teams are identified as the teams that will be promoted and relegated.
  - In flights that contain multiple brackets, the brackets are ranked from highest to lowest in alphabetical order—Bracket A is the highest, followed by B, then C, and so on.
  - For teams participating in Set 1 / Set 2, this high to low alphabetical bracket ranking system (A > B > C, etc.) applies only to the Spring season brackets.
  - Promotion and relegation occur between these brackets. However, only the top-performing teams from Bracket A are eligible for automatic promotion to a higher flight.
- Populating the Pre-Qualified list
  - Based on year over year analysis, the Pre-Qualified list is created with specific target numbers in each flight.
  - Teams are placed into the Pre-Qualified list starting from the top of each age group and gender in the overall standings. Promotion and relegation follow a primarily upward structure: no more than two teams are relegated to a lower level, while more than two teams may be promoted to balance the brackets and ensure parity in the number of games played within each age group.
  - This process is applied sequentially—first to Flight 1, then to Flight 2, and finally to Flight 3. At the conclusion of this process, the bottom two teams from Flight 3 are relegated to the Local Association (Division 2) level.
  - The last 2 teams placed in the list are the top 2 finishers of the previous Fall Western District Division 2 Championships.

Frequently Asked Questions:

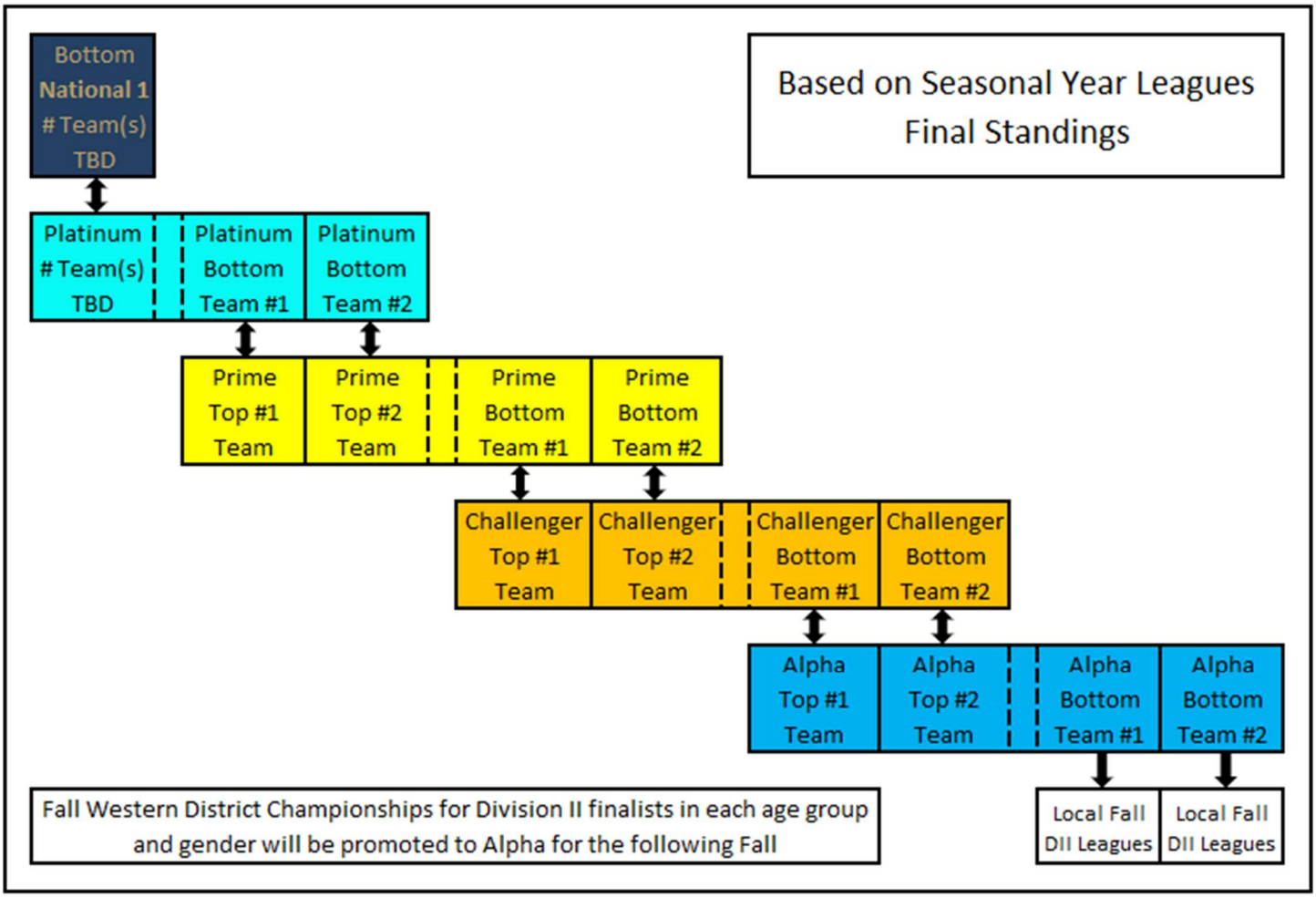
❓ My team won their bracket, but we weren't promoted to the next flight. Why?
Check the letter designation of the bracket your team won. Only teams in Bracket A (the top bracket within a flight) are eligible for automatic promotion to the next flight up.
If your team won Bracket B or C, they may have been moved up within the current flight (e.g., from Bracket C to B), but not promoted to a higher flight.

❓ I can't find my team on the list. What happened?
If your team finished in the bottom two positions of the Alpha flight, they were relegated to Local Association Division 2 play.

WDDOA Flight Structure Overview

The Under 11 Age Group is Open Entry.

1. **Promotion/Relegation U12 through U19**
   Promotion/Relegation is achieved through an up and down system among flights.
   - Top team(s) in Platinum move up to National 1 (U13 and up only). Actual process TBD for Fall 27.
   - The bottom 2 teams in Platinum switch places with the top 2 teams in Prime.
   - The bottom 2 teams in Prime switch places with the top 2 teams in Challenger.
   - The bottom 2 teams in Challenger switch places with the top 2 teams in Alpha.
   - The bottom 2 teams in Alpha are relegated to Division 2.
   - In flights that contain multiple brackets, the brackets are ranked from highest to lowest in alphabetical order—Bracket A is the highest, followed by B, then C, and so on... Promotion and relegation occur between these brackets. However, only the top-performing teams from Bracket A are eligible for automatic promotion to a higher flight.
   - Promotion/Relegation may be achieved in a more upward motion: no more than 2 teams relegated to a lower level but more than 2 teams can be promoted in order to even out the bracket and create parity in the number of games among the teams in the same age group.
   - No-Contest games do not count toward final standings and will be removed at the end of league play.
2. **Qualification from Division 2**
   STYSA Fall Western District Championships for Division 2 finalists in each age group and gender will be promoted to Alpha for the following Fall.



3. **Requests for Consideration**
   2026/2027: Platinum/Prime/Challenger RFCs may be restricted / based on available spots. There are **no refunds**.
   Application, submission, and payment deadlines are published at www.wddoa.org in “Important Dates”.